

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle (1) with a movable roof (2), which has a flexible roof covering (4) at least in its rear area, wherein the rear of the roof covering (4) is held on a tension bow (11), which can be moved upward from a tensioned position that forms the closed roof (2), wherein at least one externally acting folding device (13), which acts on lower marginal regions of the roof covering (4) that are located in front of the tension bow (8) with respect to the direction of vehicle travel (F), and generates a tension force with a vertically upwardly directed component for lifting the covering from the tension bow, is assigned to the roof covering (4) and exerts a force on these marginal regions that forces ~~them~~ the regions to fold in during the opening of the roof (2).

2. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, wherein exactly one folding device (13) is assigned to each longitudinal side of the vehicle.

3. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a the at least one folding device (13)

extends between a front region of the roof, a so-called roof top (16), and the rear tension bow (8).

4. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ at least one ~~tensioning device (13)~~ ~~or each~~ folding device (13) includes a traction cable (14), by means of which the folding device (13) engages the section of the sealing line (12).

5. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the traction cable (14) consists of polyamide.

6. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the at least one folding device (13) ~~or each folding device (13)~~ includes a tension spring (14a).

7. (Previously Presented) Convertible vehicle in accordance Claim 1, wherein the roof (2) includes at least one tensioning device (25), which is assigned to a sealing line (12) situated in the lower marginal region of the roof covering (4), acts in its tensioned position on the sealing line (12) with a force that presses on a region of the automobile body (5) that

serves as a support, and can be relaxed in a well-defined direction by the folding device (13).

8. (Currently Amended) Convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1, ~~wherein it includes~~ further comprising a body-mounted cover part (7), on which, in the closed position, the rear end (6) of the roof tightly rests, and which is to be opened to receive the roof (2) in the automobile body (5).